

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII COUNTY CHARTER

The full text of the charter amendments covered by this ballot is available for inspection at your polling place. Ask an Election Official for it, if you wish to see it.

**For each question:**

**If you agree, VOTE “FOR.”**

**If you disagree, VOTE “AGAINST.”**

1. Should the Hawai'i County Charter be amended by changing the name of:
  - The department of civil service to the “department of human resources”;
  - The director of civil service to the “director of human resources”;
  - The department’s personnel management program to the “human resources management program”;
  - The title of the deputy director of civil service, also referred to as the deputy director of personnel, to the “deputy director of human resources”; and
  - The civil service commission to the “merit appeals board”?
2. Should the name of the “fire department” be changed to the “Hawai'i fire department”?
3. Should provisions relating to a board or commission member's eligibility for a second appointment to the same board or commission be changed--to allow persons appointed for any term of two years or less to be eligible to succeed themselves for an additional full term?
4. Should the Hawai'i County Charter be amended by:
  - 1) Changing the number of persons required to sign an impeachment petition from “not less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of the county” to:
    - Not less than two percent of registered voters in the last general election - for impeachment of the mayor or prosecuting attorney; and
    - Not less than two percent of registered voters in the respective council district in the last general election - for impeachment of a council member; and

2) Adding a requirement that persons who sign an impeachment petition must be:

- A registered voter of the county - for impeachment of the mayor or prosecuting attorney; and
- A registered voter in the respective council district - for impeachment of a council member?

5. Should the Hawai'i County Charter be amended to:

- Remove the requirement that social security numbers be provided by persons signing petitions for:
  - initiative or referendum;
  - recall of elected officials; or
  - charter amendments or revisions;
- Remove the requirement that mailing addresses be provided by persons signing petitions for recall of elected officials;
- Increase the time period allowed to certify the sufficiency of initiative and referendum petitions from twenty days to twenty working days and the supplemental petitions from five days to five working days; and
- Make minor punctuation, style, and grammar changes to sections 11-4, 11-5, and 15-1 to improve their clarity?

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY INITIATIVE TO THE HAWAII COUNTY CODE**

The full text of the amendment to the Hawai'i County Code covered by this ballot is available for inspection at your polling place. Ask an Election Official for it, if you wish to see it.

### **OBJECTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Proposal:**

The proposal would amend section 2-214(b) of the Hawai'i County Code by adding the requirement that two percent (2%) of all real property tax revenues collected annually (including penalties) be earmarked for the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund. The proposal would also amend section 2-214(c) to remove the existing \$5,000,000 limit on the fund's balance. Finally, the proposed change would remove section 2-214(d) that explains how the fund shall be used.

**Present Provision:** Section 2-214(c) of the Hawai'i County Code now requires a minimum of \$250,000 of the County's annual operating budget be appropriated to the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund, and no further appropriations be made to the fund when the fund's balance equals or exceeds \$5,000,000. Section 2-214(d) specifies that the fund shall be used to acquire land or property entitlements in the County for: public outdoor recreation and education; preservation of historic or culturally important land areas, forests, beaches, coastal areas, natural beauty and agricultural lands; and protection of natural resources and watershed lands.

### **BALLOT QUESTION 1.**

Should the Hawai'i County Code section 2-214(b) be amended to require the County to earmark two percent (2%) of Hawai'i County real property tax revenues collected annually (including penalties) for the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund; should section 2-214(c) be amended to remove the existing \$5,000,000 limit on the fund's balance; and should section 2-214(d) that explains how the fund shall be used be removed from the Code?

**If you agree, VOTE "FOR."**

**If you disagree, VOTE "AGAINST."**